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Friends,

September 6, 2013

Lots of news this week!

- In addition to a very busy Council meeting, we ***also finalized the list of public hearings on the State ten-year transportation plan*** (including hearings in Concord, Franklin, Loudon, Charlestown, Hinsdale, Keene, Somersworth & Wakefield -- see them listed by region at the end of this email). The DRAFT Ten Yea Plan is being published this morning, here:
<http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/typ>
- At the meeting in Durham this week, I was pleased to join UNH students in thanking Governor Hassan, legislative leaders, and the University administration for working together to restore funds to the school and pass the first tuition freeze in 25 years, helping 22,000 families.
- After the meeting, the Council also voted 3-2 against pardoning Thomas Schoolcraft of Keene. ***I've written out why I voted against the pardon, here:***
<http://www.nh.gov/council/district2/reports/2013/documents/schoolcraft-pardon.pdf>

In the meeting itself, we tackled 111 items including projects (details below this summary):

(1) Impacting Merrimack Co & Central NH: Ten-year transportation plan hearings set for Concord, Franklin & Loudon; emergency funds for repair of the HVAC system at the Concord YMCA, waterline replacement in Belmont village, loans for Heritage Heights renovations in Concord, homeless support, and restoration of the 1790 Daniel Webster birthplace in Franklin.

(2) Impacting the Monadnock Region: Ten-year transportation plan hearings set for Hinsdale, Charlestown & Keene, assessment of obstructions at the Keene Airport, and water upgrades and retroactive emergency repairs on 12A in Alstead.

(3) Impacting Strafford & Belknap Co: Ten-year transportation plan hearings set for Somersworth & Wakefield, a loan for the Portsmouth Christian Academy in Dover passed (after much debate), and a loan for the City of Rochester to finance water system improvement. Also, I was pleased to help secure a federal grant to upgrade 42 miles of freight rail from Rochester to Ossipee.

(4) Other projects & policies with statewide impact: Passed a \$174 MM three-year contract for prescription drugs under state employee & retirees health care plans, saving several million dollars by switching to a new vendor and away from the Local Government Center.

Full details on each item below, as well as a list of all new nominations.

Sincerely,
Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

FULL 9/4 AGENDA: <http://1.usa.gov/17s4OCb>
(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

FULL INFORMATION:

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH

CONCORD PUBLIC HEARING - 10 Yr TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WED, SEPT 25, 7:00 pm
NH Dept of Transportation, 7 Hazen Dr, Room 114

FRANKLIN PUBLIC HEARING - 10 Yr TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WED, SEPT 25, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
City Hall, 316 Central St, Council Chambers

LOUDON PUBLIC HEARING - 10 Yr TRANSPORTATION PLAN

MON, SEPT 30th, 7:00 PM
Town Office – Barn, 29 South Village Rd.

[Authorized](#) a grant to the County of Merrimack, Boscawen, NH, to provide the Concord YMCA with Emergency Funds to repair and/or replace portions of the HVAC system that serves the Firehouse Building Childcare Facility, in the amount of \$400,000. Effective September 4, 2013 through December 31, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) a grant to the City of Franklin, NH, to renovate and provide equipment and furnishings on behalf of CAP Belknap-Merrimack Counties TRIP Center, in the amount of \$413,938. Effective September 4, 2013 through December 31, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) a grant to the Town of Belmont, NH, to replace waterlines in Belmont's village area, in the amount of \$355,000. Effective September 4, 2013 through December 31, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Report and Findings of Councilor Colin Van Ostern with regard to a certain project in participation with United Church of Christ Retirement Community Inc., d/b/a Havenwood/Heritage Heights.

[Authorized](#) an agreement with the Salvation Army McKenna House, to provide services to homeless individuals, in an amount not to exceed \$123,680. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. **100% General Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Historic Sites to enter into a **retroactive** contract with Brian J. Barrett, Henniker, NH, for emergency structural repairs and the exterior restoration of the 1790 Sawyer House, Daniel Webster Birthplace Historic Site. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income).**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION

CHARLESTOWN PUBLIC HEARING - 10 Yr TRANSPORTATION PLAN

MON, SEPT 9, 8:00 am
Charlestown Town Hall, 19 Summer St.

HINSDALE PUBLIC HEARING - 10 Yr TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WED, SEPT 25, Noon

Town Hall Auditorium, 11 Main St, 2nd Floor

KEENE PUBLIC HEARING - 10 Yr TRANSPORTATION PLAN

TUES, OCT 8, 6:30 pm

Keene Parks & Recreation, Room 14, 312 Washington St.

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Aeronautics to provide funding to the City of Keene, NH, for SBG-08-11-2013, to conduct an environmental assessment of obstructions to the Runway 20 approach surfaces at the Dillant-Hopkins Airport in Keene, NH, in the amount of \$145,350. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2017. **94.74% Federal, 2.26% General Funds.**

[Authorized](#) to award a grant to the Town of Alstead, NH to support replacement of the water system at the Well Hill Cooperative manufactured housing park, in the amount of \$258,000. Effective September 4, 2013 through December 31, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Construction to enter into a **retroactive** contract with R.S. Audley Inc., Bow, NH, for emergency roadway repair on NH 12A (Alstead Center Road) approximately 700 feet north of the intersection with Walpole Valley Road, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,786,097. (2) Further authorize a contingency in the amount of \$178,609.70 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective July 26, 2013 through June 20, 2014. **100% Highway Funds (with anticipated Federal Emergency Relief Fund reimbursement).**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY

SOMERSWORTH PUBLIC HEARING - 10 Yr TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WED, SEPT 18, 4:30 – 6:30 PM

City Council Chambers, 1 Government Way

WAKEFIELD PUBLIC HEARING - 10 Yr TRANSPORTATION PLAN

THURS, SEPT 26, 10:00 AM

Town Hall Conference Room, 2 High Street

[Authorized](#) to hold a Public Hearing with respect to the financing of a commercial facility by the Business Finance Authority for Portsmouth Christian Academy located in Dover, New Hampshire. Action will authorize a Resolution under RSA 162-I:9 to determine the financing will serve a public use, provide public benefit and is within the policy and authority of the Act.

[Authorized](#) a grant to the Town of Alstead, NH to support replacement of the water system at the Well Hill Cooperative manufactured housing park, in the amount of \$258,000. Effective September 4, 2013 through December 31, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) a loan agreement with the City of Rochester, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$1,820,000 to finance water system improvements. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Repayment Funds.**

[Helped secure](#) a TIGER V federal grant to upgrade 42 miles of freight rail from Rochester to Ossipee.

4. DETAIL: STATEWIDE PROJECTS & POLICIES

[Authorized](#) the Risk Management Unit to enter into a contract with Express Scripts Inc., St Louis, MO, for the administration of the prescription drug benefit provided to state employees and retirees, in the

amount of \$174,167,696. Effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016, with the option to renew for up to two additional years. **40% General, 16% Federal, 26% Enterprise, 16% Highway, 2% Turnpike Funds.**

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS & NOMINATIONS:

(* = District 2 Resident)

New nominations by Governor Hassan:

Commissioner of the Dept of Cultural Resources: Van McLeod, Concord*

Community Development Finance Authority: Christopher Diego, Mary Ann Kristiansen, Roxbury*

Electrician's Board: Joseph Casey, Rochester

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention, Intervention & Treatment Commission: Traci Fowler

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission: G. Ritchie White

Enhanced 911 Commission: George Valliere

Higher Education Commission: Stephen Appleby, David Mahoney

Land & Community Heritage Authority: Douglas Cole, Cynthia Copeland

Board of Nursing: Brenda Jane Libby

Pre-Engineering Technology Advisory Council: David DeWitt

Racing & Charitable Gaming Commission: Anthony Urban

Real Estate Appraisers Board: Douglas Martin

NH Retirement System Board of Trustees: Guy Scaife

Rivers Management Advisory Committee: Kathryn Nelson

Confirmed by the Council:

Deputy Commissioner of Health and Human Services: Marilee Nihan, Bow

Commissioner of the Department of Labor: James W. Craig, Manchester

University System Board of Trustees: John H. Lynch, Hopkinton*

Athletic Trainers Governing Board: Eleanor M. Beltz, Manchester

Apprenticeship Advisory Council: Elizabeth Skidmore, Manchester

Board of Barbering, Cosmetology and Esthetics: Holly Rodrigues, Manchester

Dept of Enviro Services Dir of Air Resources: Craig A. Wright, Loudon

Fish and Game Commission: Walter A. Morse, Hillsborough

Dir of Document Processing at the Dept of Revenue Admin: Debra A. Bourbeau, Bow

Rivers Management Advisory Committee: Anne D. Krantz, Amherst

Wetlands Council: Ryan Crosbie, Lee

Fire Standards and Training Commission: William S. Campbell, Amherst

Stephen M. Carrier, Gilford

Health Services Planning and Review Board: Robert G. Bridgham, Eaton Center

Debra S. Grabowski, Raymond

Paul Spiess, Amherst